

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, line as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in Appendix C, attached herewith.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 5-13 and 15-17 will be pending in the captioned application. The claims have been amended to more clearly define the claimed invention and to address the rejection of the claims.

Further, the specification has been amended to reference that the present application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/EP00/00324, filed January 18, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/155,268, filed January 19, 1999, now abandoned.

Further, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b) as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not